

REMARKS

The Official Action dated August 11, 2004 was a restriction requirement, requiring that the applicants elect to prosecute one of two inventions which were alleged to be claimed in the application. The two inventions are:

Invention I, recited in claims 1-6, drawn to a method for assembling a rotor of a power transmission device; and

Invention II, recited in claims 7-9, drawn to a sliding structure of a rotor and an oscillator.

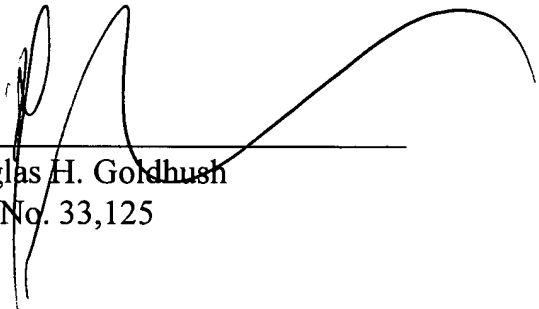
Applicants elect to prosecute the subject matter of Invention I, recited in claims 1-6, with traverse. The Official Action took the position that the sliding structure of a rotor and an oscillator as recited in claims 7-9 could be assembled using a method, for example, as disclosed in United States Patent No. 5,286,237. However, the Official Action also indicated that the inventions should be considered distinct because the "product, as claimed, can be made by a different process, citing MPEP § 806.05(g)." Applicants submit that MPEP § 806.05(g) is related to claims directed to an apparatus, and claims directed to a product made. Claims 1-6, however, are drawn to a method for assembling a rotor, and claims 7-9 are drawn to a sliding structure of a rotor and an oscillator. Distinctiveness regarding a process of making and the product made is discussed in MPEP § 806.05(f). MPEP § 806.05(g), therefore, does not seem to be applicable. Applicants further submit that it is incorrect to state that the sliding structure of a rotor and oscillator as recited in claims 7-9 of the present

application, can be assembled using the method disclosed in United States Patent No. 5,286,237. Applicants respectfully submit that all of presently pending claims 1-9 are directed to a single invention, and that these claims each recite subject matter which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the prior art.

Applicants provisionally electing the subject matter of Invention I, applicants request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that all of claims 1-9 be examined.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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